

even by their oaths, and their sense of duty, the one often liable to be considered as mere formalities of office, and the other to be warped and perverted by prejudice, and private feelings.

The want of reports of the proceedings of the Courts in Canada, has often struck me as a great evil; but is one that I fear will not be remedied until the editors of papers shake off that pusillanimity that makes them afraid of a great man's frown, of a judge's nod, and, what they think even more dreadful, the loss of an advertising customer. I trust, however, I perceive some glimpses of independence flickering amongst them, which I have the vanity to think, my paper has enlivened, if not kindled; and, were I at his elbow, I should be inclined to clap the editor of the Herald on his back for his promise to *Justicia* in his paper of the 13th July, to expose public men who sacrifice the rights of the public to the opinions or interests of the inconsiderable part of it. But "promises and pye-crust," &c. and until I see something more substantial than promises, I must and will throw obloquy upon those editors who refuse or neglect to give publicity to matters of this kind.

I have been the more led to pursue this train of reflection from some communications that have lately appeared in the Upper Canada Herald, from one of which, signed WATCH, I quote the following passages, as perfectly applicable to my present object.

"The rivet is broke, and the fetters that, in some degree, shackled your press are, I hope, now shaken off. In my views of the liberty of the press, I will not strive to force you into any measure by advice, nor will I further censure you for what I thought amiss in the past; but I hope in future your press will be free for every fair communication."

"When men who are authorised to administer justice, by a partial exercise of power, act contrary to public duty, it is one of the most valuable employments of the press to ex-